

House Resolution No. 252

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Aloys Deters, treasured residents of Bowling Green, Missouri, commemorated the splendid occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary with a family trip to Lakeview Resort at Sunrise Beach in Lake Ozark in November 2003, during which they enjoyed a deep-fried turkey dinner, country music review, and an anniversary blessing at Mass at St. Patrick Church in Laurie; and

Whereas, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on November 18, 1953, Aloys and Betty Deters began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony at St. Clement Catholic Church; and

Whereas, a lifelong farmer and former postal carrier, Mr. Deters derives a tremendous amount of satisfaction from the important roles he plays as the Youth Director at St. Clement Catholic Church, 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus, bus driver for St. Clement School, and an avid square dancer; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Mrs. Deters has played an integral role in the educational development of countless youth as an educator and Principal at St. Clement Catholic School for the past thirty years, while somehow finding the time and energy to work at prisons with the Religious Encounters of Christ (REC) organization; and

Whereas, Aloys and Betty Deters attribute their fifty years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to follow which include their four children and their spouses, John and Carol Deters, Lois and Mike Van Boening, Tom and Shelly Deters, and Stephen and Julie Deters; and their sixteen grandchildren; and

Whereas, Aloys and Betty Deters have remained devoted life partners throughout their blissful union and have put forth a tremendous amount of effort to ensure the sanctity of the vows they took so very long ago:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in a thunderous round of applause for Aloys and Betty Deters upon the glorious celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them tremendous peace, prosperity, and contentment as they continue their journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Aloys Deters, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by _____
Representative Terry L. Witte
District No. 10

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and

correct copy of House Resolution No. 252, adopted January 29, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker